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1. THE EC STATISTICAL OFFICE HAS JUST RELEASED REVISED
ESTIMATES OF THE 1977 HARVEST. THEIR REPORT ALSO CONTAINS
SOME PRELIMINARY REMARKS ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE 1978 CROP.
WITH REGARD TO 1977, THE ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN ONLY SLIGHTLY
CHANGED. THE ESTIMATE OF TOTAL GRAIN PRODUCTION (EXCLUDING
RICE) IS NOW 103.65 MILLION TONS. PRODUCTION OF THE INDI-
VIDUAL GRAINS IS ESTIMATED AS FOLLOWS (IN MILLION METRIC TONS):
WHEAT: 38.46, OF WHICH SOFT WHEAT 36.2, AND DURUM 2.25;
RYE: 3.55; BARLEY: 37.7; OATS: 7.9; CORN: 15.6. PRODUCTION
OF RICE IS ESTIMATED AT 590,000 TONS. OTHER 1977 PRODUCTION
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ESTIMATES ARE: DRIED PULSES: 796,000 TONS; POTATOES: 38.8
MILLION TONS; TOBACCO: 174,000 TONS; AND HOPS: 47,400 TONS.
THE SUGARBEET HARVEST IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 80.9 MILLION
TONS, WITH RAW SUGAR PRODUCTION ESTIMATED (BY F.O. LICHT)
AT 12.2 MILLION TONS.
2. WITH REGARD THE OUTLOOK FOR 1978, THE REPORT
STATES THAT WINTER GRAINS WERE GENERALLY SOWN UNDER

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME DELAY IN THE SOWING OF SPRING GRAINS AND ROOT CROPS. WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS, THIS DELAY HAS BEEN LARGELY MADE UP. GIVEN NORMAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE GRAINS HARVEST, AND PARTICULARLY THE WHEAT HARVEST, IS LIKELY BE LARGE. THE STATISTICAL OFFICE REPORT ESTIMATES THE AREA UNDER WHEAT TO BE UP 8 PERCENT THIS YEAR, AND THAT OF BARLEY 1 PERCENT. REDUCTIONS IN THE AREA IN RYE AND OATS ARE ANTICIPATED. A 17 PERCENT REDUCTION IN POTATO CULTIVATION IS EXPECTED, WHILE THE AREA IN SUGAR-BEETS IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. GOOD YIELDS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED IN THE FIRST CUT OF GREEN FORAGE.

3. COUNTRY BY COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GERMANY: GIVEN SUITABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE GRAINS HARVEST COULD EXCEED 21.5 MILLION TONS. THE AREA IN POTATOES HAS DECREASED BY 9 PERCENT, WHILE THAT OF SUGAR-BEETS HAS DECREASED BY 3 PERCENT; RAPESEED AREA, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS INCREASED.

FRANCE: SOWING OF CORN AND POTATOES HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY DELAYED BY THE POOR WEATHER. THE AREA UNDER SUGARBEETS HAS CONTINUED TO DECLINE. THE WHEAT HARVEST IS ESTIMATED AT 19MILLION TONS,AND THE BARLEY HARVEST AT 10 TO 11 MILLION TONS.

ITALY: THE WHEAT HARVEST IS ESTIMATED TO BE COMPARABLE TO THAT OF 1976- I.E., SOFT WHEAT 6.1 MILLION TONS;
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DURUM WHEAT 3 MILLION TONS. SOWING OF CORN OR GRAIN HAS BEEN DELAYED AND THE AREA IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE DROPPED FROM 983,000 TO 900,000 HECTARES. THE AREA IN SUGARBEETS IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY. UNITED KINGDOM:THE AREA PLANTED TO WINTER GRAINS HAS INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND,THE AREA IN POTATOES HAS PROBABLY DECLINED. THE AREA IN SUGARBEETS IS ESTIMATED TO BE DOWN BY 4 PERCENT.

IRELAND: THE AREA SOWN TO WINTER WHEAT WAS GREATER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THERE IS,HOWEVER, A DELAY IN THE PLANTING OF SPRING GRAINS.

DENMARK:THE TOTAL AREA IN GRAINS IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE INCREASED BY 1 PERCENT. THE AREA IN POTATOES AND SUGAR-BEETS DECLINED.

NETHERLANDS: THE AREA IN GRAINS, POTATOES, AND SUGAR-BEETS WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME AS IN 1977. GROWTH IN WINTER GRAINS HAS BEEN GENERALLY GOOD.

BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG: AREAS SOWN WINTER WHEAT AND BARLEY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE 1977. PLANT GROWTH IS INITIALLY POOR BUT HAS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS.HINTON

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